

REMARKS

Applicants amend claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5. Claim 5 is canceled. Claim 7 is amended. Support for the amendment to claim 7 can be found at page 28, line 13 of the Specification. No new matter is added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-13 are presented for examination, of which claims 1 and 7 are independent. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-13 define over the art of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claim 5 is allowable. Applicants amend independent claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the current claims to allowance.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action dated March 31, 2008, claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner maintains this rejection in the Advisory Action dated August 06, 2008.

Applicants amend claim 7 to recite that *the first and second reinforcing films are silicon-based films*. Support for this amendment can be found at page 28, line 13 of the Specification. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims are properly supported by the Specification. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection of claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action dated March 31, 2008, claims 1-4, 6, 12 and 13 were rejected under various 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections. Applicants amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Claims 2-4, 6, 12 and 13 depend from claim 1 and, as such, incorporate each and every element of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6, 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TOW-066RCE2. In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and the requisite petition does not accompany this response, the undersigned hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized to be charged to the aforementioned Deposit Account.

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